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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 14113.3.2.2

In re application of

Michael R. Ohran)
Serial No.: 09/892,161) Art Unit
Filed: June 26, 2001) 3624
For: MIRRORING NETWORK DATA TO ESTABLISH)
VIRTUAL STORAGE AREA NETWORK)
Confirmation No.: 4716)
Examiner: Ella Colbert)

AMENDMENT "B" AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This communication is in response to Examiner's Office Action mailed March 14, 2005
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01 FC:1202 (the "Office Action"). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following
amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of
this paper.**

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

17-19, 21-22, and 29-39 be withdrawn at least due to their dependency from an allowable independent claim.

The Office Action rejects claims 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rollins et al* (WO 95/00906) and *Major et al* (U.S. Patent No. 5,157,663) in view of *Kenley et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,276,867). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the following remarks. Claims 23-27 are each dependant on independent claim 20. At least for the reasons given above, claim 20 is allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

The Applicant also points out that several of the claims have been amended to promote clarity, to provide terminology that is consistent with that of the base claims, and for other reasons that are not related to either responding to a rejection of the claims or distinguishing from cited art.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-7 and 8-39 are in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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